

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup equipment, characterized by comprising:
 - an image pickup section which converts input light so as to obtain image data;
 - a self-location detecting section which detects a location of the image pickup equipment;
 - a location determining section which determines whether or not the location detected by the self-location detecting section is inside of a predetermined area; and
 - an image pickup operation restricting section which restricts an image pickup operation of the image pickup section when the location determining section determines that the location is outside of the predetermined area.
2. (Original) The image pickup equipment as defined in claim 1, wherein, the self-location detecting section detects the location in accordance with a state of one or more received waves.
3. (Original) The image pickup equipment as defined in claim 2, wherein, the self-location detecting section detects the location in accordance with states of the received waves that are different from each other.
4. (Currently Amended) The image pickup equipment as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-3~~, further comprising:
 - an authorized user identification information storing section which stores authorized user identification information; and
 - a user identification section which determines whether or not user identification information obtained from a user matches the authorized user identification information,
 - the image pickup operation restricting section not restricting the image pickup operation of the image pickup section whenever the user identification section determines that

the user identification information obtained from the user matches the authorized user identification information.

5. (Currently Amended) The image pickup equipment as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-4~~, wherein, (i) an image-pickup-side device including the image pickup section and the self-location detecting section and (ii) a control-side device including the location determining section and the image pickup operation restricting section are provided as different devices, and the image-pickup-side device and the control-side device are connected to each other over wireless communications.

6. (Currently Amended) An image pickup system, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

the image pickup equipment defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-5 and 13~~; and

a server computer which receives image information from the image pickup equipment.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup equipment, ~~characterized by~~ comprising the steps of:

(i) detecting a location of the image pickup equipment;
(ii) determining whether or not the location detected in the step (i) is inside of a predetermined area; and
(iii) if it is determined in the step (ii) that the location is outside of the predetermined area, restricting an image pickup operation of an image pickup section which is provided in the image pickup equipment and obtains image data by converting input light.

8. (Original) The method as defined in claim 7, wherein, in the step (i), the location is detected in accordance with states of received waves.

9. (Original) The method as defined in claim 8, wherein, in the step (i), the location is detected in accordance with states of the received waves that are different from each other.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 7-9~~, further comprising the steps of:

(a) storing authorized user identification information; and
(b) determining whether or not user identification information obtained from a user matches the authorized user identification information,

in the step (iii), whenever it is determined in the step (b) that the user identification information obtained from the user matches the authorized user identification information, the image pickup operation of the image pickup section not being restricted.

11. (Currently Amended) A control program for causing the image pickup equipment defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-5 and 13~~ to operate, the control program causing a computer to function as each of the sections of the image pickup equipment.

12. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium, storing the control program defined in claim 11.

13. (New) The image pickup equipment as defined in claim 1, wherein, the self-location detecting section detects the location of the image pickup equipment always before the image pickup operation in accordance with a request for image taking, and if the location determining section determines that the location is outside of the predetermined area, the image pickup operation restricting section restricts the image pickup operation of the image pickup section, always before the image taking in response to the request.

14. (New) The method as defined in claim 7, wherein, in the step (i), the location of the image pickup equipment is detected always before the image pickup operation in accordance with a request for image taking, and in the step (iii), if it is determined in the step (ii) that the location is outside of the predetermined area, the image pickup operation of the image pickup section is restricted always before the image taking in response to the request.

15. (New) A sensor device, comprising:
a sensor section;
a self-location detecting section which detects a location of the sensor device;

a location determining section which determines whether or not the location detected by the self-location detecting section is inside of a predetermined area; and

an operation restricting section which restricts an operation of the sensor section if the location determining section determines that the location is outside of the predetermined area.

16. (New) A sensor system, comprising:
the sensor device defined in claim 15; and
a server computer which receives sensor information from the sensor device.

17. (New) A method of controlling a sensor device, comprising the steps of:
(i) detecting a location of the sensor device;

(ii) determining whether or not the location detected in the step (i) is inside of a predetermined area; and
(iii) if it is determined in the step (ii) that the location is outside of the predetermined area, restricting an operation of a sensor section of the sensor device.

18. (New) A control program for causing the sensor device defined in claim 15 to operate, the control program causing a computer to function as each of the sections of the sensor device.

19. (New) A computer-readable storage medium, storing the control program defined in claim 18.